

S/N 09/828,451



PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant:	James G. Skakoon et al.	Examiner:	Kathryn Odland
Serial No.:	09/828,451	Group Art Unit:	3743
Filed:	April 06, 2001	Docket:	723.031US1
Allowed:	June 4, 2004	Confirmation No.:	6905
RCE Filed:	Herewith		
Title:	DEEP ORGAN ACCESS DEVICE AND METHOD		

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

MS RCE
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

In compliance with the duty imposed by 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, and in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 *et. seq.*, the enclosed materials are brought to the attention of the Examiner for consideration in connection with the above-identified patent application. Applicants respectfully request that this Information Disclosure Statement be entered and the documents listed on the attached Form 1449 be considered by the Examiner and made of record. Pursuant to the provisions of MPEP 609, Applicants request that a copy of the 1449 form, initialed as being considered by the Examiner, be returned to the Applicants with the next official communication.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b), it is believed that no fee or statement is required with the Information Disclosure Statement. However, any fee deemed to be due may be charged to Deposit Account No. 19-0743 in order to have this Information Disclosure Statement considered.

The Examiner is invited to contact the Applicants' Representative at the below-listed telephone number if there are any questions regarding this communication.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES G. SKAKOON ET AL.

By their Representatives,

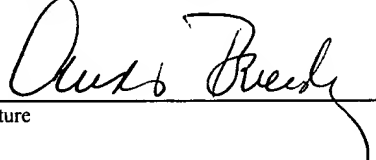
SCHWEGMAN, LUNDBERG, WOESSNER & KLUTH, P.A.
P.O. Box 2938
Minneapolis, MN 55402
(612) 373-6951

Date Sept. 1, 2004

By 
Suneel Arora
Reg. No. 42,267

CERTIFICATE UNDER 37 CFR 1.8: The undersigned hereby certifies that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail, in an envelope addressed to: MS Amendment, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on this 7 day of September, 2004.

Name CANDIS BUENDING


Signature

Substitute for form 1449A/PTO

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE
STATEMENT BY APPLICANT**

(Use as many sheets as necessary)



Complete if Known

Application Number	09/828,451
Filing Date	April 6, 2001
First Named Inventor	Skakoon, James
Group Art Unit	3743
Examiner Name	Odland, Kathryn

Sheet 1 of 1

Attorney Docket No: 723.031US1

US PATENT DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initial *	USP Document Number	Publication Date	Name of Patentee or Applicant of cited Document	Class	Subclass	Filing Date If Appropriate
	US-4,328,813	05/11/1982	Ray, C. D.	128	791	10/20/1980
	US-4,350,159	09/21/1982	Gouda, K. I.	128	303 B	02/29/1980
	US-4,805,634	02/21/1989	Ullrich, G. J., et al.	128		06/04/1987
	US-5,054,497	10/08/1991	Kapp, J. P., et al.	128	748	02/21/1990
	US-5,057,084	10/15/1991	Ensminger, W. D., et al.	604	167	03/01/1990
	US-5,662,600	09/02/1997	Watson, D. A., et al.	604	8	09/29/1995

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initials*	Foreign Document No	Publication Date	Name of Patentee or Applicant of cited Document	Class	Subclass	T ²
	WO-96/33766	10/31/1996	Baudino, M. D.	A61 M	35/02	

OTHER DOCUMENTS -- NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS

Examiner Initials*	Cite No ¹	Include name of the author (in CAPITAL LETTERS), title of the article (when appropriate), title of the item (book, magazine, journal, serial, symposium, catalog, etc.), date, page(s), volume-issue number(s), publisher, city and/or country where published.	T ²
--------------------	----------------------	---	----------------

EXAMINER**DATE CONSIDERED**

Substitute Disclosure Statement Form (PTO-1449)

* EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.¹ Applicant's unique citation designation number (optional) ² Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached